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MCI-FRAMINGHAM

**"CATCH THE HOPE" PERINATAL CLINIC**

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The **"Catch the Hope"** Perinatal Clinic provides medical and social services to all pregnant and postpartum women at MCI-Framingham. **"Catch the Hope"** was originally a federally funded demonstration project, the only one funded in a prison in the U. S. When this successful demonstration was completed, the Massachusetts Department of Correction committed funds, resources, and support to ensure the continuation of these important services at MCIF. **"Catch the Hope"** staff, both professionally certified, were part of the original demonstration project. Together they monitor patients on a daily basis, providing health and prenatal care, counseling, education, and aftercare planning.

## CASE MANAGEMENT STATISTICS JANUARY - DECEMBER 1993

### Total New Entrants: 104

January:	7	July:	10
February:	15	August:	14
March:	12	September:	6
April:	7	October:	12
May:	7	November:	12
June:	4	December:	5

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Deliveries in 1993 to Women at MCI-Framingham	10
Deliveries in 1993 to Women transferred to the Neil J. Houston House	11
Released to Community with Aftercare Plan	38
Percentage of Women who complied with Aftercare/Treatment Plan upon release	95%

The staff also work closely with community service agencies, including maternity hospitals, WIC, Healthy Start and other DPH programs, substance abuse treatment providers, the March of Dimes, and a group of volunteer professional birth attendants who provide labor support to inmates. All clinic patients attend a weekly Prenatal Class as well as individual counseling sessions that address childbirth, substance abuse, parenting, health issues, domestic violence, and available treatment. Every pregnant woman released from MCIF leaves with an aftercare plan in place. Statistics over the past three years demonstrate that over 90% of these inmates did, in fact, keep their community-based treatment appointments.